

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1, 3-7, 11-20, 22-25, 31-41, 49-50 and 57-68 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 20, 49, 57, 61, 64 and 67 are independent. Claims 9-10, 26 and 28-29 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 6, 13, 18, 20, 22, 32, 36 and 41 have been amended. Claims 61-68 have been added.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that claims 49-55 and 57-58 are allowed. Further, the Examiner indicates that claims 10, 25, 29, 59 and 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The limitations of allowable claim 10 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. The limitations of allowable claim 29 have been incorporated into independent claim 20. However, intervening claim 26 has not been incorporated into independent claim 20, as such an incorporation would appear to be inconsistent with the limitations of claim 29.

Added claim 61 corresponds to allowable claim 59 rewritten in independent form. Added claim 64 corresponds to allowable claim 60 rewritten independent form. Added claim 67 corresponds to allowable claim 25 rewritten in independent form.

Since all of the independent claims are now directed to subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that this application should be in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

Claims 1, 5-7 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by Reveay et al. Claims 9, 20, 26, 28 and 31-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reveay et al in view of Oguchi. Claims 3-4 and 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reveay et al. in view of Failla. Claim 24 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reveay et al in view of Oguchi and further in view of Failla. Claims 22-24 and 34-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reveay et al in view of Oguchi and further in view of Failla. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In view of the allowable subject matter being incorporated into the independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections have been

rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

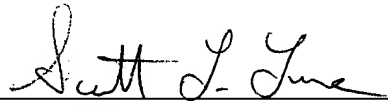
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1602 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 9, 10, 26, 28 and 29 have been cancelled.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A computer monitor comprising:
a primary display platform having a display screen;
at least one auxiliary display platform having a display screen; and
at least one hinge rotatably connecting said at least one auxiliary display platform to said primary display platform, such that said at least one auxiliary display platform can be operated at a variety of angles relative to said primary display platform, to suit the ergonomic preferences of a user, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is optically connected to said primary display platform through said at least one hinge.
3. (Twice Amended) The computer monitor of claim 1, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in a [said] closed position.
6. (Amended) The computer monitor of claim 5, wherein said at least one activation/deactivation mechanism is adapted for tuning on said display

screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from a [said] closed position to an [said] open position and turning off said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said open position to said closed position.

13. (Amended) The computer monitor of claim 12, wherein said first and second auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in a [said] closed position.

18. (Amended) The computer monitor of claim 17, wherein said first, second, third and fourth auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in a [said] closed position.

20. (Three Times Amended) A computer system comprising:

- a processing unit;
- a primary display platform, with a display screen, electrically connected with said processing unit;
- at least one auxiliary display platform having a display screen; and
- a hinge rotatably connecting said at least one auxiliary display platform to said primary display platform, such that said at least one auxiliary display

platform can be operated at a variety of angles relative to said primary display platform, to suit the ergonomic preferences of a user, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is optically connected to said primary display platform through said hinge.

22. (Amended) The computer system of claim 20, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in a [said] closed position.

32. (Amended) The computer system of claim 31, wherein said at least one activation/deactivation mechanism is adapted for tuning on said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from a closed position to an open position and shutting off said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said open position to said closed position.

32. (Amended) The computer system of claim 31, wherein said at least one activation/deactivation mechanism is adapted for tuning on said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from a [said] closed position to an [said] open position and shutting off said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said open position to said closed position.

36. (Amended) The computer system of claim 35, wherein said first and second auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in a [said] closed position.

41. (Amended) The computer system of claim 40, wherein said first, second, third and fourth auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in a [said] closed position.

Claims 61-68 have been added.